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MEMORANDUM FOR: Richard Kaufman, General Counsel
Joint Economic Committee
U.S. Congress

FROM:

[redacted]
Chief, Defense Management Branch, SOVA/DEIG/DID

SUBJECT: CIA Estimates of Military RDT&E Spending

1. In response to your request at your meeting with [redacted] on 24 April, please find attached our estimates of Soviet spending for military RDT&E (research, development, testing, and evaluation). Attachment I compares US and Soviet military RDT&E activities as valued in constant 1984 dollars. Attachment II depicts the estimates in constant 1982 rubles, the new price base for all of CIA's estimates of Soviet defense spending. As you know, we have attempted to measure the uncertainty in our estimates of Soviet RDT&E spending. We have 90% confidence that the correct value falls within the high and low bounds specified in the attachments. Both attachments are unclassified.

2. Please give me a call on [redacted] if you have any questions or if we can be of any further assistance.

Attachments:
As stated



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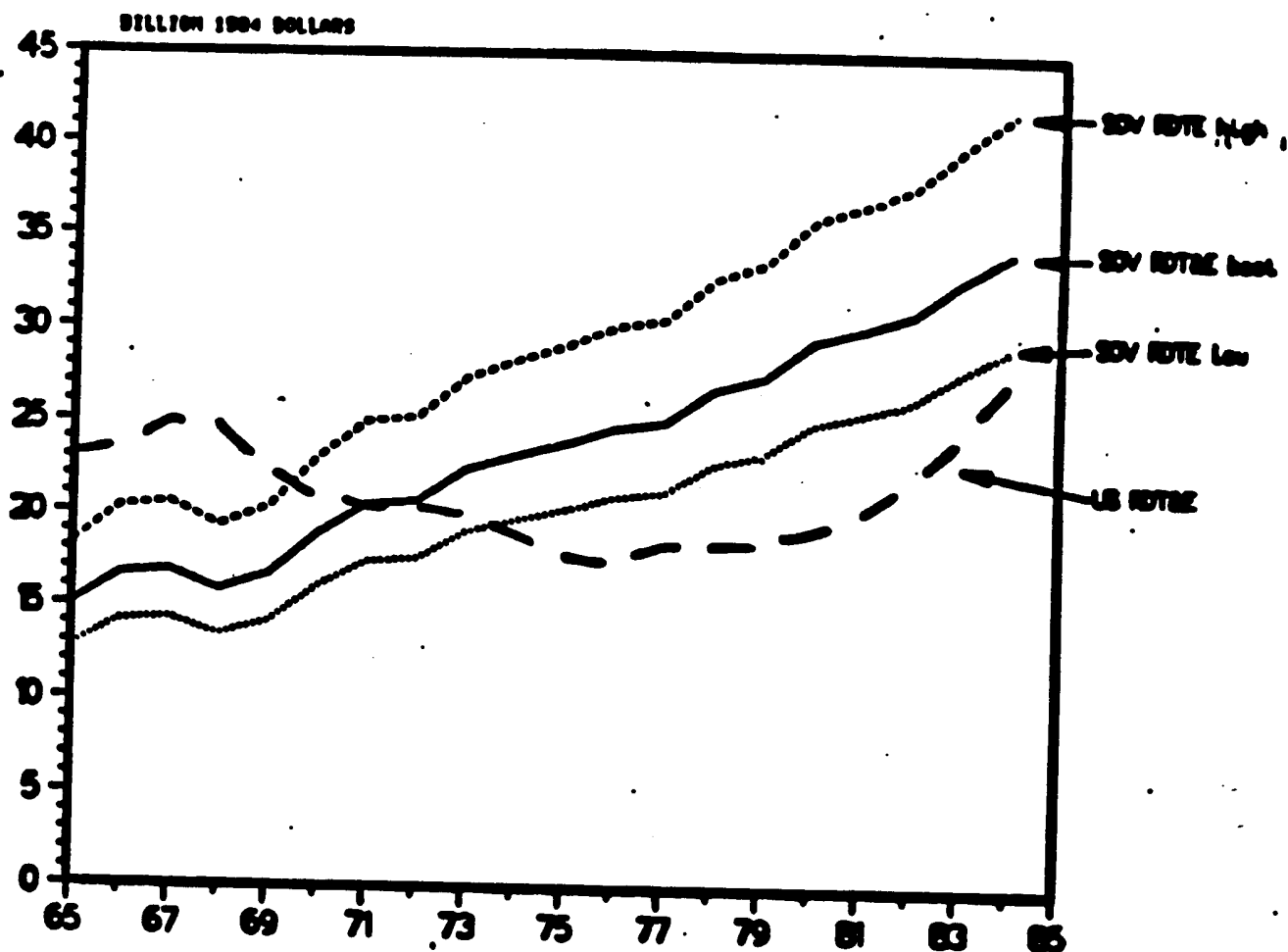
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Attachment I

US and Estimated USSR Military RDT&E Expenditures

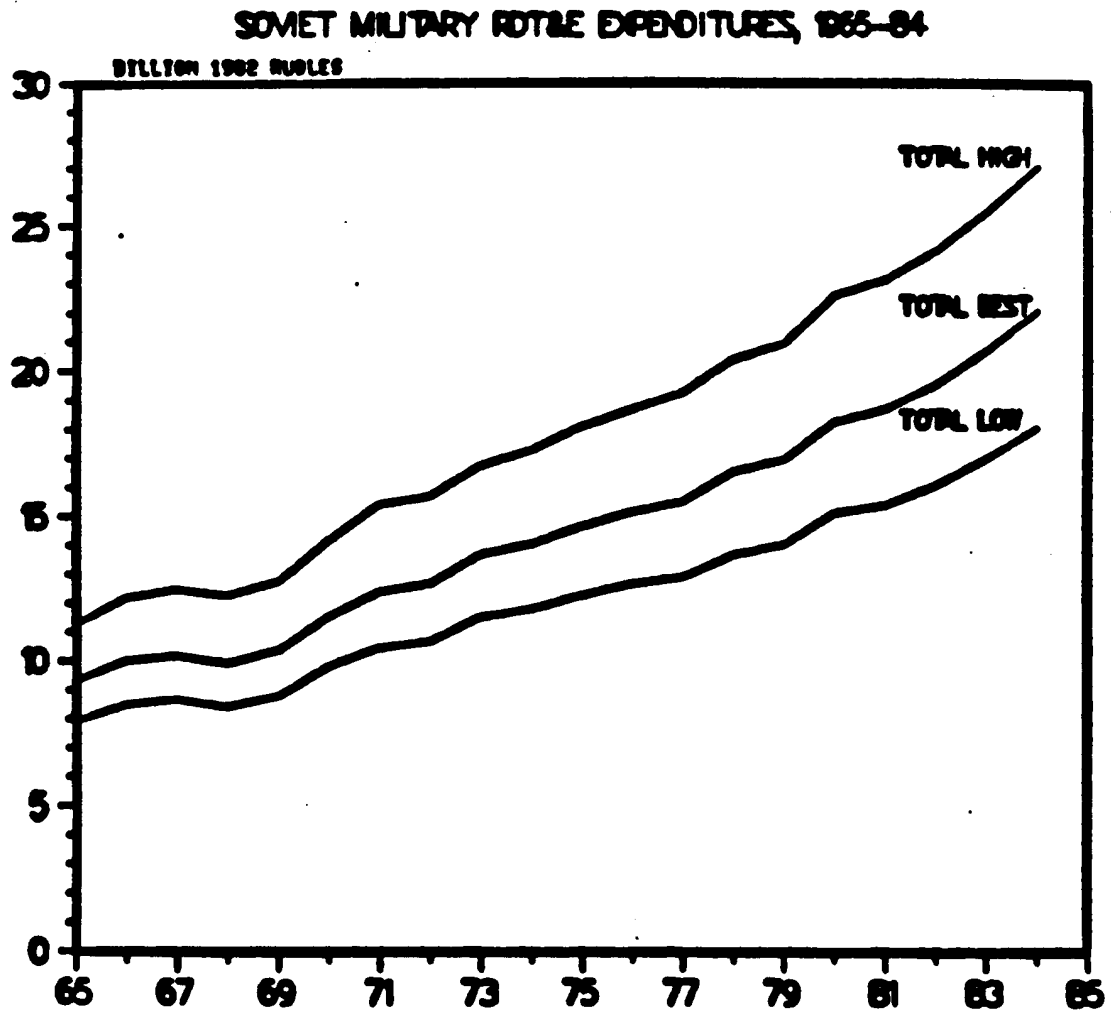


Note: The confidence interval (high and low bounds) averages plus 20 and minus 15 percent of our estimate for each year.

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Attachment II



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